

Be vigilant
at all times
and pray
that you have
the strength
to escape the
tribulations
that are
imminent
and to stand
before the
Son of Man.

Luke 21:36



The Last Judgement, from The Small Passion
Albrecht Dürer (German, 1471-1528), c. 1510
Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York

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First
Sunday of

Advent

November 28, 2021

How forcefully today's scriptures challenge us to attend to the ominous nature of the Kingdom's definitive in-breaking! The call echoes through Jeremiah's prophecy: "In those days, in that time" and in Paul's letter: "at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen." The theme intensifies toward a crescendo in Luke: "there will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth . . . dismay and perplexity." People will be scared to death—literally—"in anticipation of what is coming upon the world," as "seas and waves roar" and "the powers of heaven will be shaken." And all of this will be just a prelude to "the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." In the face of this "awful" (that is, filled-with-awe) ending, Jesus warns his disciples to guard against two equally debilitating extremes, both of which seem to be trademarks of our contemporary culture: deadening diversion on one hand, and frantic anxiety on the other.

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PREPARATION FOR THE END-TIMES

In light of these predictions of frightening end-times, Jesus advises us to embrace his three-fold "Preparation for the End Program": (1) "Beware!" that is, be aware of what really matters, life's true priorities. (2) "Be vigilant at all times," that is, watchful for Christ's coming not only at the end but in the meantime, in family and neighbor, friend and stranger. (3) Above all, "pray." Prayer, communion with God, will help us to remember that for faithful disciples, The End of this world—or our own lives, whichever comes first—will be The Beginning of a joy no one can take from us, fullness of life that will never end. How lovely if this Advent's renewal prepared us to look forward to the moment of Jesus' coming—in his glory or our death—not as a cataclysmic disaster, but as a reason for which to "stand erect and raise (our) heads (in joyful expectation) because (our) redemption is at hand."

Today's Readings: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14;
1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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Notes from Fr. Anthony ...



Another week has passed us by and we delve deeper into the uncomfortable reality that we now need to make sure we have an ice scraper in the car, and we have to dust off the snow shovel (with high hopes it will get dusty again quickly from lack of use this winter). Things being what they are though, we are now entering the blessed season of advent. It is a wonderful time of the year when we prepare to celebrate the great feast of the Nativity of our Lord, the feast of the Holy Family, of Mary the Mother of God and the Epiphany. It is an old Catholic tradition for families to set up Advent wreaths near the manger scenes in their own homes and gather around them to pray every night during Advent in union with our Church and our brothers and sisters throughout the world. There are a number of different devotions or prayers for this time in particular: reading the Gospel of Luke every night or saying a rosary together, the litany of the Holy Family and so on. Another old and venerable devotion is what is called the **St. Andrew Christmas Novena**. It begins on the feast day of St. Andrew which is why it has been called the St. Andrew Christmas Novena. His feast is the marker that determines the start of Advent and the first Sunday of Advent begins on the Sunday closest to (or on) November 30th, St. Andrew's feast day. That explains the first part of the Saint Andrew Christmas Novena's name. The second part simply refers to when the novena ends - on Christmas. It is traditionally said 15 times in a row. Why 15 times a day? No one really knows for certain, but there are a few possible reasons. The prayer is believed to be over 100 years old, and is traditionally prayed 15 times every day, though not necessarily all at once. (It may be broken up to be prayed throughout the day, such as five prayers in the morning, afternoon, and evening) The number 15 is reminiscent of the original 15 decades of the rosary, which was itself seen as a potential simplified version of praying the 150 psalms that are still sung by religious in monasteries and convents praying the Divine Office. The text is as follows (feel free to cut this out and keep it to pray by yourself or with your family):

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God! to hear my prayer and grant my desires (insert petition here), through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.

On that note I will end with one last announcement – starting this week we will be adding some sacraments at Holy Family. Every Thursday evening, starting this first week of Advent, we will begin at 5:30 pm with exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions until 6:20 pm with benediction, followed by the Holy Mass at 6:30 pm. Have a blessed weekend and fruitful first week of Advent.

God bless, Fr. Anthony

SWEATSHIRT COLLECTION

THIS IS THE LAST WEEKEND FOR DONATIONS—NOV 28TH of the Knights of Columbus—Holy Cross Children's Services sweatshirts. Thank you for your support.



Once again, for the **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS Poster Contest**, we are asking our kids to make their posters at home.

Forms and blank posters can be found on the table near the parish office door, or at Holy Family in the hall.

Completed poster must be returned by December 15 and placed in the box. We will announce the winners on December 19.

LAINGSBURG COMMUNITY SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERTS PERFORMED IN NEW LAINGSBURG HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM



Laingsburg Community Singers, under the direction of Steven J. Easterling, proudly present "A Singers Christmas" on Saturday, December 4 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 5 at 4 p.m. This is our first Christmas concert since December 2019 due to the pandemic and we are excited they will be performed in the NEW AUDITORIUM at Laingsburg High School, 8008 Woodbury Rd., Laingsburg MI 48848. Admission is free and donations are greatly appreciated. New Members are welcome with rehearsals beginning January 11, 2022 for our Spring concerts. For further information please contact Janice Hurst at 517-651-5937.

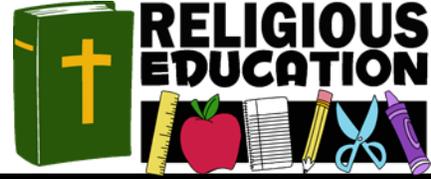


PARISH ACTIVITIES

Thurs.—Quilting—9:00 am-Noon —Holy Family
Dec. 1—Spiritual & Corporal Works of Mercy-6:30 HF
Dec. 5—TMIY—7:00 a -9:00a—St. Isidore
Dec. 4—Holy Family Activities Group—After Mass
Dec. 19—Pancake Breakfast—St. Isidore

Religious Education Formation—REF

Holy Family—9:50—10:50 am—Sundays
St. Isidore—10:15—11:15 am—Sundays
Questions: Email—
marystevens@stisidorechurch.org



Men's Club / Holy Family Activities Group

Interested in getting more involved at Holy Family?
Holy Family Activities Group (Previously Men's Club)
Meeting: Saturday, Dec. 4th following the 4:00 mass.
We will be planning our fish fries, and other winter activities
as well as holding officer elections.

All Parishioners welcome!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Dec. 8—Business Meeting—7:00 pm
Dec. 19—Pancake Breakfast



Knight of the Month: Mel Comeau
Family of the Month: George & Georgia Lehman



GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree at St. Isidore is in the back of the church. Please take a tag and buy a Christmas gift for a child in the Laingsburg area in need of Christmas spirit. Return all gifts wrapped with the tag taped to the outside. Return gifts as soon as possible and do not wait until the last day! **Gifts need to be returned by Dec. 12.**



and dishcloths to the store. Thank you for sharing your time with us Irene. cjb

QUILTING QUIPS. . . During the past few weeks, I have introduced many of our quilting members. I have been asked, “who can join?” The answer is always the same: anyone willing to give service to God in any way they can. You do not have to be a member of our church, live in our city or even be Catholic! And with that being said, let me introduce you to our “ecumenical” lady — Irene Hunt. Irene is a member of the United Methodist Church here in Ovid. But she has been coming to the quilting group for the past several years. She asked if she could come even “if I don’t know how to sew?” Of course, all are welcome—those who sew and those who do not. We will find something

for you to do. For the past few weeks, Irene has been our “go-fer gal” - go for this and go for that! She gathers materials together and helps whenever and wherever she can each week. She was very helpful with our bowl making project and one of our newest items on the table, Swiffer Reusable Covers. She has also generously donated several woodworking pieces and handmade “scrubbies”

Anyone interested in helping decorate the Christmas altar at St. Isidore, please contact the office.

PILLOWS & BLANKETS

Holy Family Confirmation Students are collecting new pillows and blankets to be donated to local nursing homes. Boxes are in the entryway of the church.
Deadline is Dec 12.



MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

ST. ISIDORE, LAINGSBURG

Saturday—Nov. 27—(5:30 PM) † Sheila Doyle by the Family
Sunday — Nov. 28 —(9:00 AM) † Jamie Antcliff by Clare Greene
Wednesday— Dec. 1— (6:30 PM) Living & Deceased Members of the Coe Family
Thursday— Dec. 2—(8:30 AM) † Patrick Hurst by Katie Grettenberger
Friday— Dec. 3—(8:30 AM) Intentions of the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Saturday—Dec. 4—(5:30 PM) † John & Helen Bartkowiak by the Family
Sunday — Dec. 5 —(9:00 AM) Special Intentions of Marty McDougall

HOLY FAMILY, OVID

Saturday—Nov. 27—(4:00 PM) † Ed Ladiski by Dan & Vickie Csapos
Sunday—Nov. 28—(11:00 AM) Rosemarie Goodwin by Eleonore Schussmann
Tuesday— Nov. 30 —(12:10 PM) † Dave & Irene LaPeer by Dale & Sue Ladisky
Thursday - Dec. 2 - (6:30 PM) † Julie Bacik by Parishioners
Saturday—Dec. 4—(4:00 PM) † Fr. Raymond Urbanek by Rose Marie Therings
Sunday—Dec. 5—(11:00 AM) † Barb Rewerts 1st Anniversary by Joelle Mulder

PRAYERS: PLEASE PRAY FOR Archie Schebester (Friend of Jesse Anguiano), Theresa Pickler (Friend of Jesse Anguiano), Autumn Michels, Pamela & Dan Morgan, Tori Martens, Tom & Mary Hughly (Friends of RoseMarie Thering), Janice Smith, Hugh Smith, Beth Ann Elliott (Daughter of Don & Denise), Clarence Dell, Craig & Caren Henning, (Nephew & Niece of Leonard Mitchell) Vince Minarik, (Son in Law of Leonard Mitchell), Terri Sue (Daughter-in-Law of Leonard Mitchell), Brad Walker, Virginia Bernal (Cousin of Jesse Anguiano), Fr. Mathias Thelen, (Brother of Pam (Ryan) Fabus), Bonnie Ehlert, Gary Delaney (Nephew of Bev Delaney), Pat Spencer (Friend of Bev Delaney), Charles Oleniczak, Judith Bond, Sandy McPherson (Sister of Cooky Hawkins), Sharon Darling, Jim & John Ginther (Sons of Ron & Charlene), Ron & Charlene Ginther, Carlos Duncan (Cousin of Jesse Anguiano), Steve Butler, Sean Robinson, Chasidy Martin, (Niece of Doug & Char Angell), Jesse Loar (Great Grandson of Leonard Mitchell), Dawn Wrobel, Mary Lou Willoughby (Sister-In-Law of RoseMarie Thering), Rosa Zamarripa, (Cousin of Jesse Anguiano), Taylor Nixon, (Friend of RoseMarie Thering), Bob Bunn (Nephew of Pat White), Bob McCue, Kathy Latz, (Daughter in Law of Pat Latz), Star McCann (Niece of Marian Horsley & Nancy Shipley), Tom Hulburt (Son of Nita Hughes), Larry Miller, Diane Mead (Friend of Joanne Evans), Gary Hrncharik, Donna Fruchey, Col-lene Smith, Mary Jane Schoendorf, Nancy Byrnes, Nancy Alice Carbary (Mother of Maggie Sayles), Marguerite Sarkozi, Great Aunt of Stacy Voisinet

Please contact the office to add or remove names from the prayer list.



Remember our service members in your prayers:

Taylor Earl Parsons—Air Force—Space Force
Aubrey Hurst—National Guard
Christian Garza—Army
Fr. Brandon Oman—Air Force
LTC Nathan Cooley - USN
MSGT Joshua Delaney - Air Force
Alexandra Cultra - Navy
Andie Ostrander—Navy
Patrick Schiffer—Air Force

(To add names, - contact the office.)



ADORATION— WEDNESDAYS

St. Isidore Church

5:30—6:20 pm Confessions

6:30 pm Mass

Adoration & Confessions Following Mass

Until 7:45 pm

WEEKLY OFFERTORY November 20 & 21, 2021

St. Isidore Offertory - \$2,442

Holy Family Offertory - \$1,864

Online Offertory - \$1,205

TOTAL: - \$5,511